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Lucky Peak Lake staff announces winter recreation opportunities

BOISE, Idaho – Winter can be a wonderful time to enjoy U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recreation facilities on the Boise River, operated by the Walla Walla District. Lucky Peak Lake natural resource staff encourage sportsmen and outdoor enthusiasts to picnic, fish, camp and hunt on lands managed and operated by the Corps at Lucky Peak Lake.

While visiting these public recreation areas, ensure the experience is safe and enjoyable by being safety conscious for yourself and others. Boaters must ensure U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation devices are on board for each person – children 14 and younger are required to wear PFDs when underway in boats up to 19 feet in length.

All State boating, hunting and fishing regulations apply to visitors at Corps sites. Hunting on Corps property is permitted only outside of developed recreation areas. Lake levels change daily and often decrease between 1 and 2 feet per day – plan outings accordingly. Fires must be confined to provided facilities or portable above-ground grills. Exposure to cold and/or damp weather conditions for long periods of time or when swimming in cold water lowers body core temperature making hypothermia a very serious risk.

All U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Lucky Peak Lake parks are open. Come enjoy a quiet afternoon at the park. Primitive camping and day-use areas remain available during the winter season. However, these areas will experience a seasonal reduction in services due to winterization of facilities. Some sites may become inaccessible during low-water periods or requires closure of several boat ramps and makes boat-in sites difficult to access.

Visitors are expected to know park rules and regulations while recreating at Lucky Peak Lake. The park ranger short-list of rules includes: three-day camping in designated areas only; off-highway vehicles (OHVs) and other off road vehicles (ATVs, ATCs) are prohibited in all areas above high water line; vehicles must park within marked stalls, or be parked outside of the roadway fog lines and not endangering any environmental feature; keep our public lands clean – all park areas are Pack It In-Pack It Out; and pets must be leashed in developed recreation areas. Visitors are encouraged to visit with park rangers at the Lake Office and to check information kiosks located at Corps recreation facilities for a complete list of Title 36 CFR rules and regulations.

U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Lucky Peak Lake recreation areas are listed as follows:

Lucky Peak Lake Office – open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; closed on federal holidays.

Facilities: information center, restrooms. *Getting there:* travel 11 miles east of Boise, Idaho, on Highway 21, take a right turn at Lucky Peak Lake welcome sign, and go 1 mile on access road.

Viewpoint – open year-round. *Facilities:* day-use and restrooms. *Getting there:* travel 12.6 miles east of Boise, Idaho, on State Highway 21, turning right on road immediately (100 yards) beyond Lucky Peak Dam.

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Barclay Bay – open year-round. *Facilities:* day-use, boat ramp, restrooms and shoreline access area. Receding lake levels require closure of the boat ramp – use nearby Turner Gulch instead. Shoreline Access Area is closed for the season. *Getting there:* travel 12.5 miles east of Boise, Idaho, on State Highway 21, then turn right on road over dam, proceed across dam and follow park signage.

Foote Park/Lytle Gulch – open year-round. *Facilities:* day-use, hiking/biking trail, restrooms and Boise River fishing access. *Getting there:* travel 12.5 miles east of Boise, Idaho, on State Highway 21, then turn right on road over dam, proceed across dam and follow park signage.

Turner Gulch – open year-round. *Facilities:* day-use, boat ramp, restrooms and controlled dog off-leash area. There is a \$3 boat launch fee per day, payable to “USACE”. Use Barclay Bay parking lot for overflow parking needs. *Getting there:* travel 12.5 miles east of Boise, Idaho, on State Highway 21, then turn right on road over dam, proceed across dam and follow park signage.

Macks Creek Park – open year-round. *Facilities:* day-use, RV & primitive camping (three-day limit), boat ramp and restrooms. Receding lake levels require closure of the boat ramp. Following the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, the park will be walk-in only. *Getting there:* travel 18 miles east of Boise, Idaho, on State Highway 21, take a right turn and proceed 4.5 miles east on Arrowrock Dam Road.

Mores Creek Park – open year-round. *Facilities:* day-use and restroom. *Getting there:* travel 23 miles east of Boise, Idaho, on State Highway 21, take a hairpin left turn onto Robie Creek Road, and proceed to park signage.

Robie Creek Park – open year-round. *Facilities:* day-use, boat ramp, playground, shoreline access area and restrooms. Receding lake levels require closure of the boat ramp. Shoreline Access Area is closed for the season. *Getting there:* travel 23 miles east of Boise, Idaho, on State Highway 21, take a hairpin left turn onto Robie Creek Road, and proceed to park signage.

Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR) partners with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to provide recreation opportunities at Lucky Peak Lake. IDPR operates Sandy Point Unit and Spring Shores Unit under a long-term lease agreement with the Corps. For more information, call IDPR at (208) 334-4199. IDPR-run recreation areas are listed as follows:

Lucky Peak State Park: Discovery Unit & Sandy Point Unit – availability varies. There is a \$4 entrance fee per vehicle, payable to “IDPR.” *Facilities:* day-use, swimming beach, concessionaire, Boise River access and restrooms. *Getting there:* travel 11 miles east of Boise, Idaho, on Highway 21, take a right turn into Discovery Park Unit, or next right turn at Lucky Peak Lake welcome sign, and proceed to park.

Lucky Peak State Park: Spring Shores Unit – open year-round. *Facilities:* day-use, boat ramp, marina and restrooms. There is a \$4 entrance fee per vehicle, payable to “IDPR.” Receding lake levels require closure of the east ramp, marina and store. *Getting there:* travel 18 miles east of Boise, Idaho, on State Highway 21. Turn right on Arrowrock Dam Road, and go 1.1 miles east.

Contact information: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Lucky Peak Lake. Telephone: (208) 343-0671. Email: LuckyPeakLake@usace.army.mil. For more information about Walla Walla District’s outdoor recreation opportunities, check out the web site: www.nww.usace.army.mil/corpsoutdoors/.